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# H. R. 4704

To provide for the appointment of additional Federal district judges, and  
for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GONZALEZ (for himself, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. REYES, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BACA, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. HINOJOSA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide for the appointment of additional Federal district  
judges, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SOUTHWEST BORDER JUDGESHIPS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Southwest Border Judgeship Act of 2000”.

6       (b) DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT  
7       COURTS.—

8               (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint,  
9       by and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

1 (A) 3 additional district judges for the  
2 southern district of California;

3 (B) 1 additional district judge for the dis-  
4 trict of New Mexico;

5 (C) 2 additional district judges for the  
6 southern district of Texas; and

7 (D) 2 additional district judges for the  
8 western district of Texas.

9 (2) TABLES.—In order that the table contained  
10 in section 133 of title 28, United States Code, will,  
11 with respect to each judicial district, reflect the  
12 changes in the total number of permanent district  
13 judgeships authorized as a result of paragraph (1)  
14 of this subsection, such table is amended—

15 (A) by striking the item relating to Cali-  
16 fornia and inserting the following:

“California:		
Northern .....	14	
Eastern .....	6	
Central .....	27	
Southern .....	11”;	

17 (B) by striking the item relating to New  
18 Mexico and inserting the following:

“New Mexico .....	6”;
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19 and

20 (C) by striking the item relating to Texas  
21 and inserting the following:

“Texas:		
Northern .....	12	

Southern .....	20
Eastern .....	7
Western .....	12”.

1       (c) TEMPORARY JUDGEShips.—The President shall  
2 appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the  
3 Senate—

4           (1) 3 additional district judges for the district  
5 of Arizona;

6           (2) 1 additional district judge for the southern  
7 district of California; and

8           (3) 1 additional district judge for the district of  
9 New Mexico.

10 For the district of Arizona, the first 3 vacancies arising  
11 on the district court 7 years or more after judges are first  
12 confirmed to fill all 3 temporary district judgeships cre-  
13 ated in that district by this subsection shall not be filled.  
14 For each of the other judicial districts named in this sub-  
15 section, the first vacancy arising on the district court 7  
16 years or more after a judge is first confirmed to fill the  
17 temporary district judgeship created in that district by  
18 this subsection shall not be filled.

19       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
21 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including  
22 such sums as may be necessary to provide appropriate

- 1 space and facilities for the judicial positions created by
- 2 this Act.

